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(b) whether it is a fact that most of the dwelling huts are built close to the Raya channel, that the owners have stored manure on the land sloping towards the channel and that the rains wash down the filth and dirt on the slopes into the Raya channel;

(c) whether the washermen of Hospet are using the land near the prohibited zone as a dhoby-khana and wash their dirty clothes in the channel; and

(d) whether there is any proposal before the Government to remove the ban on building construction and improve the sanitation of the area in question?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(d) No.

Medical

Number of cases operated by the First and Second Surgeons in the Madras General Hospital.

* 583 Q.—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases that were operated on by (1) the First Surgeon, and (2) the Second Surgeon, in the Madras General Hospital during the months of January, February, March and April 1931;

(b) the number of cases that healed on first intention out of their respective operations; and

(c) the number of cases that went septic out of their respective operations?

A.—(a) The number of cases operated on by the First and Second Surgeons in the Government General Hospital, Madras, during the months of January, February, March and April 1931, is as follows:—

	First Surgeon.	Second Surgeon.
January 1931	141	97
February ,, ...	130	84
March ,, ...	139	92
April ,, ...	105	92

(b) & (c) Of the operations performed by the First and Second Surgeons during the months of January to March 1931, 474 cases healed by the first intention and 82 by the second. The cases referred to here are those operated on and discharged during the three months. Information about other cases and those for April 1931 are not at present available. Government do not consider it desirable to furnish information showing the result of the operations performed by each of the Surgeons separately.

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Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister whether it is the practice of the Surgeons of the General Hospital to leave the operations in the hands of their raw assistants? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Is the hon. the Chief Minister aware that such things are more common in the ward of the Second Surgeon than in any other wards? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I do not know."

Mr. C. BASU DEV :—" Is not the hon. Member pursuing a personal vendetta against the Second Surgeon of the General Hospital? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is not a supplementary question. Order, order."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Will the hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to call for information on the matter, in view of the reports that sepsis and deaths are more common in the wards of the Second Surgeon than in the wards of the other Surgeons? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I do not think it is necessary to call for papers, because there is nothing at all to show that the information of the hon. Member is correct."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that there is much professional jealousy against the Second Surgeon of the General Hospital? "

(No reply.)

Motor Vehicles Taxation

Measures for the relief of the burden of taxation on motor vehicles.

* 584 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action do the Government propose to take to lessen the burden of taxation on motor buses and taxis?

A.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Agency Tracts

Introduction of new Oriya books in the elementary schools in the Agency tracts.

* 585 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the proposed purchase of new Oriya books for the elementary schools in the Agency of Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts during this year;

(*b*) whether he is aware of the fact that about a year back, new books for elementary classes and specially Sahityankura and Saralasikhya were introduced;